

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will place all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-27 (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) A method for increasing the distance a golf ball may be driven by reducing the surface friction of the ball support surface of a golf tee comprising the steps of:

a) forming a layer consisting essentially of a friction reducing polymeric material;

b) shaping a surface of the tee for supporting the ball by forming a central depression in said ball support surface, said depression having a circumference substantially less than that of a golf ball, said depression having a peripheral rim upon which the golf ball is supported;

c) securing said friction reducing layer of a friction reducing polymeric material to said shaped surface;

d) whereby a golf ball driven from said friction reducing layer travels a measurably longer distance than a ball driven from a surface without said friction reducing material.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the polymeric material is a fluorinated polymer selected from the group consisting of: polytetrafluoroethylene, fluorinated ethylene-propylene copolymers, perfluoroalkoxy polymers, and ethylene/tetrafluoroethylene copolymers.

31. (Currently Amended) An improved ~~composite, multi-~~
~~component multi-component~~ golf tee comprising:

- a) a head including a configured upper surface comprising a golf ball support surface;
- b) a shaft for supporting said head, said shaft being insertable into the ground;
- c) a friction reducing polymer having a surface friction at least as low as that of polytetrafluoroethylene forming a surface layer covering said support surface, said surface layer conforming with the shape of said support surface; and,
- d) said surface layer providing is the only contact surface supporting the ball on the tee thereby allowing the ball to be driven a measurably greater distance than a ball driven from a tee without said surface.

32. (Previously Presented) A method for increasing the distance a golf ball may be driven from a tee comprising the step of: reducing the surface friction of a ball support surface of the tee by providing a ball support surface

consisting essentially of a polymeric material having a coefficient of friction at least as low as that of polytetrafluoroethylene.

33. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32 wherein the step of reducing the surface friction of the ball support surface comprises:

a) forming a conforming cover layer for the support surface of said tee, said covering layer consisting essentially of a friction reducing polymer having a surface friction at least as low as that provided by polytetrafluoroethylene; and,

b) applying said cover layer to said ball support surface to form a composite tee; whereby when a ball is placed on said tee it may be driven a measurable distance therefrom which is greater than the distance a ball can be driven from a tee not so covered.

34. **(Previously Presented)** The golf tee of claim 33 wherein said cover is adhered to said support surface by an adhesive.

35. **(Currently Amended)** The golf tee of claim 31 wherein said surface layer comprises a shaped sheet adhered to said upper surface[[:]] .

36. **(Currently Amended)** The golf tee of claim 31 wherein said surface layer is a ~~multi-component~~ shaped sheet ~~having one side comprised of an adhesive~~ comprising said polymer and an adhesive on one side thereof.